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COMMENDING COLONEL DAVID ETHEREDGE FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we highly commend Colonel David Etheredge, the Commander of the 117th Maintenance Group, Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base, Birmingham, Alabama, and a Senior Evaluator Pilot on the KC-135R/T with the Alabama Air National Guard, for his many professional achievements; as Group Commander, he is responsible for over 300 personnel in a TFA ANG Active Associate Wing to generate and execute nine KC-135R aircraft to provide worldwide aerial refueling and airlift missions; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from the Academy of Military Science in June 1994, Colonel Etheredge gained his commission as a Second Lieutenant; in July 1995, he graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, as a Distinguished Graduate; upon completion of KC-135 initial training at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 106th Air Refueling Squadron;

1 over the years, he has served in a variety of positions at the
2 squadron, group, and wing levels, including, but not limited
3 to, Operations Support Squadron Commander, Chief of Wing
4 Tactics, and Chief of Aircrew Training; furthermore, he is a
5 veteran of operations Joint Forge, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring
6 Freedom, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Inherent Resolve,
7 Freedom's Sentinel, and Noble Eagle, flying over 220 combat
8 and combat support sorties in the KC-135; also, he is a Flying
9 Safety Officer, an Aircraft Mishap Investigator, and the
10 Safety and Accident Investigation Board President; a highly
11 decorated pilot, Colonel Etheredge has accumulated more than
12 5,100 flying hours; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Etheredge's unwavering bravery,
14 steadfast selflessness, and diligent commitment to serving
15 others make him an incredible leader and friend in the lives
16 of many; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Colonel David Etheredge is
19 highly commended for his many professional achievements, and
20 this resolution hereby serves as a tribute to him with warmest
21 gratitude and admiration, along with sincere best wishes for
22 continued happiness and success during his retirement.